

Arkansas

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Arkansas Chick Placements Virtually Unchanged From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending April 21, 2007. Placements were virtually unchanged from the comparable week in 2006, but down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.4 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

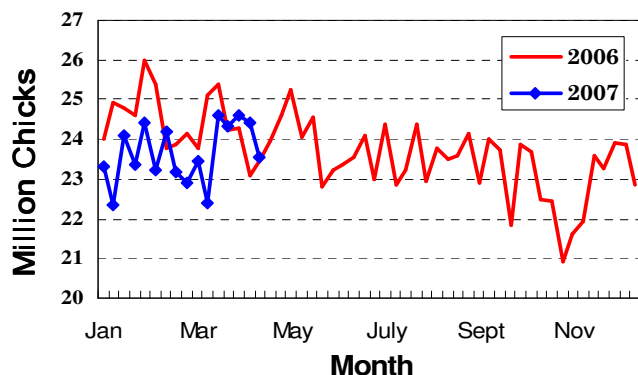
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 21, 2007, virtually unchanged from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Mar. 17	25,112	22,410	89	24,106	23,023	96	28,657	28,079	98
Mar. 24	25,368	24,627	97	23,949	23,231	97	27,853	27,393	98
Mar. 31	24,237	24,337	100	24,421	23,533	96	28,130	27,991	100
Apr. 7	24,288	24,608	101	23,861	23,548	99	28,744	28,374	99
Apr. 14	23,108	24,406	106	23,156	23,032	99	28,635	28,586	100
Apr. 21	23,467	23,531	100	23,269	23,419	101	28,332	28,327	100

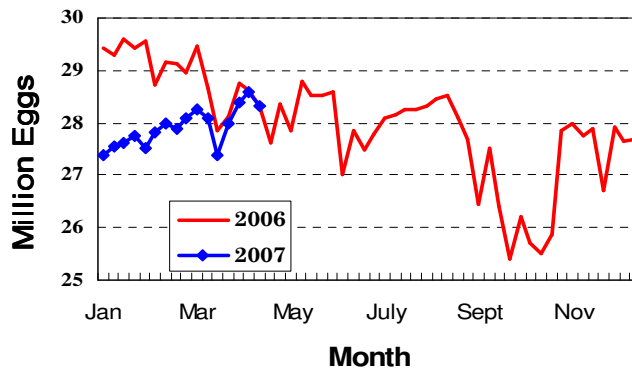
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2006-2007



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2006 - 2007



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, March 24, 2007 - April 21, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	% 1/	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,995	31,304	31,722	31,354	31,737	105	20,496	20,197	20,400	20,571	20,652	99
Arkansas	27,393	27,991	28,374	28,586	28,327	100	24,627	24,337	24,608	24,406	23,531	100
Delaware	4,047	4,039	4,107	4,160	4,064	109	5,768	4,449	5,115	5,220	5,507	120
Florida	1,377	1,397 *	1,362	1,372	1,383	100	1,319	1,450	1,458	1,597	1,497	105
Georgia	35,870	35,362 *	36,164	36,491 *	37,540	108	29,218	28,940	29,038	29,472 *	28,444	97
Kentucky	7,701 *	7,765 *	7,405	7,373	7,767	108	6,420	6,353	6,179 *	5,358 *	6,584	102
Louisiana	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	98	3,756	3,655	3,738	3,795	3,765	91
Maryland	8,952	8,985	9,011	9,050	8,941	101	5,663	6,778	5,952	6,300	4,983	82
Mississippi	19,193	18,936	18,998	19,104	19,090	105	17,173	17,415	17,719	17,494	17,370	106
N. Carolina	19,292	19,487 *	19,407	19,705	19,625	105	15,867	15,872	16,161	15,706	15,907	104
Oklahoma	6,690	6,474	6,650	6,771	6,771	103	4,548	4,406	4,745	4,628	5,298	109
Pennsylvania	3,779 *	3,871	3,741 *	4,105 *	4,032	103	3,031 *	3,041 *	2,981 *	2,887 *	2,911	102
S. Carolina	5,422	5,388	5,554	5,378	5,775	111	4,823	4,429	4,823	5,258 *	4,971	116
Texas	15,104	15,015	14,963	15,007	15,069	101	12,302	12,577	12,840	12,797	12,709	99
Virginia	6,399	6,495	6,451	6,529	6,540	102	4,593	4,758	5,164	4,889	5,402	100
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,688	20,019	20,151	20,027 *	20,084	101	16,172	17,050	15,634	16,834 *	18,022	101
19 State Total	215,826 *	216,452 *	217,984 *	218,936 *	220,669		175,776 *	175,707 *	176,555 *	177,212 *	177,553	
Prev. Year Total	211,079	213,785	215,794	214,981	212,327		177,961	177,711	175,414	172,785	175,809	
% of Prev. Year	102	101	101	102	104		99	99	101	103	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 21, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 21, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through April 21, 2007 were 2.78 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.